

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Leonard Gruby and Virginia Soldatke, Eden, South Dakota, were born on January 22, 1933, and August 1, 1933, respectively, in Day County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Leonard and Virginia were married June 8, 1954, at Saint Joseph's Church, Grenville, South Dakota, by Monsignor Dolney at 8:00 a.m., and to this union six children were born, Tom, Barbara, Carol, Joyce, Don, and Len, who in turn presented them with five grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Leonard served the Eden community as a Standard Oil Bulk Agent for over 30 years, and Virginia served as the accountant for the business; and,

Whereas, Leonard was a volunteer fireman, and served as fire chief for many years, Virginia is a band member at Sacred Heart Church, past band chairperson, past mayor of Eden, and volunteers in many community projects; and,

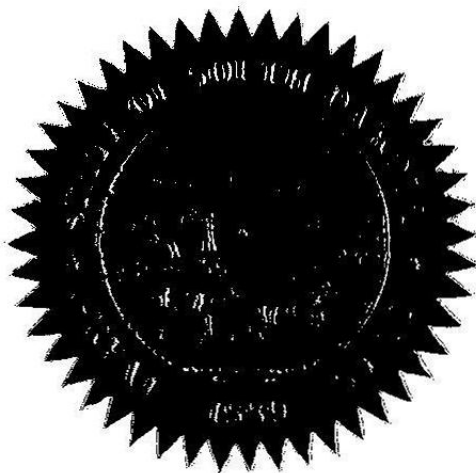
Whereas, Leonard and Virginia spend their time at Mabel's Resort, and MollyBee's for coffee, and going fishing, always hoping to catch a bigger fish than last time; when Virginia is not volunteering you will find her crocheting and putting puzzles together; and,

Whereas, Leonard and Virginia will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with all the good wishes fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather to honor them on Saturday, May 29, 2004, and to celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of these two people who have lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2004, as

LEONARD AND VIRGINIA GRUBY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds", written over a horizontal line.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State